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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-10 and 14-26 are pending, with claims 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 being independent. Claims 1, 2, and 5-9 have been amended, and claims 11-13 have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-26 have been provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5, 7, 10-12, 15, 16, and 22-27 of copending U.S. Patent App. No. 10/577,648. Applicants request that the provisional rejection be held in abeyance until claims 1-10 and 14-26 of this application are otherwise held to be allowable and the claims of the '648 application are allowed.

Claims 1-10, 17, and 19-26 have been rejected as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,156,720 ("Rosenfeld"). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Rosenfeld does not describe or suggest all of the features of amended independent claims 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9.

With respect to claim 1 and its dependent claims, Rosenfeld does not describe or suggest "attaching a support medium to the second substrate by using a peelable adhesive agent," and "separating the support medium and the peelable adhesive agent from the second substrate," as recited in amended claim 1. Rosenfeld discloses an aluminum web 10 and a Ta coating 12 onto which an anodic layer 14, an oxide layer 16, and a polymer substrate 18 are disposed. See Figs. 1a-d and col. 5, lines 36-48. The polymer substrate 18, the oxide layer 16, and the anodic layer 14 are subsequently separated and inverted, as illustrated in Fig. 1e. Thus, Rosenfeld fails to describe any structure that could be interpreted as disclosing the "support medium" attached to the "second substrate" recited in claim 1. In other words, if the polymer substrate is said to correspond to the "second substrate," then there is no structure that corresponds to the "support medium." Likewise, if the polymer substrate is said to correspond to the "support medium," then there is no structure that corresponds to the "second substrate." Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

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Similarly to claim 1, amended claims 2, 7, 8, and 9 recite the "support medium" and the "second substrate." Thus, at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, the rejection of claims 2, 7, 8, and 9, and their dependent claims should be withdrawn.

With respect to independent claim 2 and its dependent claims, applicants additionally request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Rosenfeld does not disclose or suggest that "the optical filter compris[es] a black matrix and a colored layer." Regarding the optical layers, Rosenfeld merely discloses that when Ta is used, the method of Rosenfeld is "particularly suited to the production of optical multilayer films" and that the "[o]ptical structures typically comprise a stack of alternating layers of a low refractive index dielectric material and a high refractive index dielectric material or alternating dielectric and thin metal layers." This disclosure regarding the "optical structures" of Rosenfeld is insufficient to disclose or suggest "forming a subject body having an optical filter on the separation layer, the optical filter comprising a black matrix and a colored layer," as recited by claim 2.

Similarly to claim 2, claims 8 and 9 recite "forming an optical filter on the insulating layer, the optical filter comprising a black matrix and a colored layer." Thus, at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 2, the rejection of claims 8 and 9 should be withdrawn.

Claims 14 and 18 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Rosenfeld in view of United States Patent No. 4,800,100 ("Herbots"). Herbots, which is cited as showing simultaneous deposition of film layers using a combined ion beam and molecular beam, does not cure the failure of Rosenfeld to describe or suggest the subject matter of amended independent claim 7 from which claims 14 and 18 depend. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14 and 18.

Claims 15 and 16 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Rosenfeld in view of United States Patent No. 6,867,067 ("Ghyselen") and Japanese Patent document JP53-31971 ("Ariyoshi"). Ghyselen and Ariyoshi are cited as showing the formation of a metal oxide layer after forming a silicon oxide layer on a metal substrate. Ghyselen and Ariyoshi do not cure the failure of Rosenfeld to describe or suggest the subject matter of amended independent claim 7

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from which claims 15 and 16 depend. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14 and 18.

CONCLUSION

The absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this document, applicants asks that the Examiner contact applicants' undersigned attorney.

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